

THE DECEMBER MAGAZINES.

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**FINGER-BACK ARRANGEMENT FOR HAYSTACKERS**—Jas. A. Moore and Asahel H. Patch, of Louisville, Ky.

**HAM CURE PLANTERS**—Thos. A. Chandler, of Rockford, Ill., has secured the services of Harry Herrick of La Grange, O., and Tack A. Cleveland of Cleveland, Ohio.

**SEWING MACHINE**—Wm. C. Watson of New York, N. Y., writes to himself, Geo. H. Wootter, and Morris Knick of same place.

**NOTICE**—**Reliance**—Originally patented Oct. 20, 1850. Re-issue of the Philadelphia Pa.

**DESIGN FOR KITCHEN SINK**—S. W. Gibbs of Albany, N. Y., assignor to Thos. H. Wood, Henry S. Hubbell and Jas. C. Rice, comm. of the U. S. Patent Office.

**ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENT IN ROTARY BRICK MACHINE**—Originally patented Sept. 2, 1886; first additional improvement, Sept. 2, 1886; second additional improvement, Nov. 25, 1886. Geo. H. Wood, Albany, N. Y.

**ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENT IN HARVESTING MACHINES**—Originally patented Oct. 25, 1884; first additional improvement, Nov. 25, 1886; second additional improvement, Nov. 25, 1886. Geo. H. Wood, Albany, N. Y.

**MARINE AFFAIRS.**

**ARRIVAL OF THE UNITED STATES FRIGATE SAVANNAH.**—The United States frigate Savannah, flag ship of the Brazil squadron, bearing the broad pennant of Commodore Mercer, arrived off Sandy Hook early on Thursday (27th), and was towed in by the steamer W. H. Webb. The Savannah sailed from Rio de Janeiro on the 19th ult., and early on the morning of the 29th crossed the equator in lon. 33° 14'. She has been in commission near forty months, and was south of the equator for three years lacking two days. The only fatal accident during the cruise occurred on the evening of the 21st inst., when Maj. r Freelow, a native of Fall River, Mass., fell overboard and was lost. The following is a correct list of her officers:

Commodore—Samuel Mercer. Acting Commodore—Geo. F. Dewey. First Lieut. and Quarter Master—Charles Murray. Chaplain—J. Stockbridge. Lieutenant—H. S. Fenn. Wm. L. Roy. Asst. A. F. Warley. Wm. Mitchell. C. W. Finney. B. C. Hand. Asst. Surgeon—James A. S. Fenn. Wm. L. Roy. Asst. Surgeon—J. P. Thorm. Comm. of the Secretary—J. W. Jenkins. Marine Officer—Capt. R. T. Van Vorst. Gunner—A. F. Thompson. Carpenter—L. M. Mason. Boatman—R. Whitaker.

**THE TURF.**

**CENTREVILLE COURSE, L. I.—TROTTING.—Friday, Nov. 25.—**Match, \$500; mile heat 3 in 5, to wagons. H. Woodruff's s. a. Ned. 1 1 1 W. W. Heald's s. v. Rip. 2 2 2

Ned won the trot very alive in three straight heats. He is a very fast horse, and it kept for the track, will be very trouble some to many that are now rated A. No. 1. The odd were on his side at \$100 to \$40, and after the first heat, at \$100 to \$70. The attendance was large.

**UNION COURSE, L. I.—TROTTING.—Friday, Nov. 25.—**Match, \$1,000; mile heat 3 in 5, to wagons. Owner's s. bolt (to harness). 1 Owner's s. gelding (to wagon). 2

**TROTTING, AT JAMAICA, L. I.—On the road; match, \$300; two-mile heats, to wagons, Wednesday, Nov. 25. H. Woodruff's s. gelding, riding forfeit. W. H. Woodruff's s. gelding, riding forfeit.**

**UNION COURSE, L. I.—TROTTING.—Nov. 25.—Match, \$500; two miles, to \$500, h. wagons. M. Maguire, b. s. James Irving. Mr. Seely, b. s. T. J. J. Time, 2:40.**

This was an exciting trot. The horse horses are matched for the time, and the result is as follows:

**RED HORSE, H. R. K. N. Y.—TROTTING.—Tuesday, Nov. 25.—Match, \$500; mile heats, bolt 3 in 5, under saddle. C. W. Brown, b. s. Black. 1 S. J. Black, b. s. Black. 2 2 2**

Time, 2:52-2:55-2:49.

**UNION COURSE, L. I.—TROTTING.—Tuesday, Nov. 25.—Match, \$1,000; mile heat 3 in 5, to wagons. D. Pifer's s. s. Prince John. 1 H. Woodruff's s. s. Maud. 2 2 2**

Time, 2:52-2:55-2:49.

**UNION COURSE, L. I.—TROTTING.—Monday, Nov. 24.—Match, \$1,000; mile heats, bolt 3 in 5, under saddle. W. P. P. P. s. s. Time John. 1 S. J. Black, b. s. Black. 2 2 2**

Time, 2:52-2:55-2:49.

**FROM FORTUNE ISLAND.**—By the arrival of the brig H. Matthews, Capt. Cheney, from the above port, November 16, we learn that there is about 70,000 bushels of salt at the Island, selling at 15 a 16c. On the 15th inst., Capt. C. spoke a boat from Ram Key, and reported plenty of salt at that place.

**BONES FOUND.**—There was found on land owned by Philip Case, on West Hill, about half a mile from the village of Ithaca, in a mound used as a sand bank, while digging and erecting a building, the skeleton of a human being, supposed to be that of an Indian of an enormous size. From its appearance it must have been in a sitting posture, it being about 4½ feet to the bottom of the grave or hole. The head was sound and perfect, the under-jaw had three teeth, it seemed very perfect. The skull was very large, the top of the forehead of the under-jaw, 36 inches; from the forehead around the back of the head, 22 inches; across the jaw, 5 inches. Part of his backbone was perfect and sound; ribs partially decayed, as also hip and arm bones. Some of his finger bones a pound. In his hip bones, and very large, the flint, from two to three inches long. Some of the more hundred small, small shells, varying in size, and of striding and when struck make a good sound of bird heads, and from their appearance have been used for that purpose. There was also a pipe made of the hollow end of it, fitted for a stopple, and the other was in the shape of a scoop, or spoon, and has probably been used for eating, peridie or broth with; or it might have been used for a whistle. Some minerals were with the arms and hands, part of which resemble black lead and mark, as well as black lead; others resemble some kind of metal.

**ANCIENT SILVER COIN FOUND.**—A few days since, some workmen, in digging on the bank of the Kenduskeag stream, about two miles from the city, turned out a deposit of silver coin, amounting to about \$40 in value. These coins were of the size of a mace and mark, as an Indian coin. On one side is a head, and on the other an incision with bow and arrows and one star. The letters on the side appear to make the word Victoria, with three letters additional. The lettering on the other side we could not decipher. The money is very fine, and very perfectly trimmed, having no dash upon the edge. The head and the Indian are well done. How this money came in its deposit is, of course, a mystery. But it is undoubtedly old Spanish, or Spanish or Mexican coin. (Bangor Journal.)

**GIANT SKELETON FOUND.—The Waeleing Times** says: A day or two since some workmen engaged in building a new house at Strick Wickham, at his place, in East Waeleing, came across a human skeleton. Although much decayed, there was not much difficulty in identifying it, by picking the bones, which could not have belonged to other than a human body, in their primitive position. The impression made by the bones, and the very small size of the bones, measured by the Sheriff and a brother in the craft local, both of whom are prepared to swear that it was ten feet six inches in length. Its jaw and teeth were almost as large as those of a horse. The bones are to be seen at the Sheriff's office.

**DEFEATABLE CATAPHROTE.**—On Saturday morning had a little girl—Mary Sherman, about 12 years old, daughter of the late owner of the stepfather, Mr. Cabell Birch in Alexandria Co., Va. A brother of her stepfather, a youth of about the same age, coming into the house on his way home from school, took up a gun which had been left unsecured for safety. Prostrating her with his little axe to put her head out of the window by which she was sitting. As she did so, he, putting at her side intending simply to explode a cap for her amusement, fired a load of bird shot into her face. The poor child rushed to her mother and fell dead on the floor.

**CITY ITEMS.**

The proceeds at Niblo's to-night are for the benefit of Liza Wadell and Flora and Julia Lehman, three popular artists, who are decidedly favorites of the public.

Signor Dotelli's performing monkeys and dogs are at the Chinese Rooms, Broadway. An afternoon performance to-day.

**CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.**—The One Hundredth Anniversary Festival will be celebrated on Monday, the 1st of December. An address will be delivered before the Society by the Rev. Dr. John Thomson, at Niblo's Garden, on that day, at 4 o'clock, p. m., tickets for which can be obtained, without charge, on application to the Secretary, or any other officer of the Society. Dinner will be served at 6 o'clock, at the Metropolitan Hotel, and tickets may be procured from any of the Managers. The Society was instituted on the 19th of November, in the year 1786. During the period of the American Revolution, there was a suspension of the meeting of the Society. It has never been the object of this Society to accumulate, as the members and admission fees, have been annually distributed to the poor. It so happened, however, that, about the year 1785, a plan was submitted for the erection of a building for the use of the Society, a considerable amount was subscribed, and a plot of ground purchased for that purpose, but when it was ascertained that the project would not

ently involve the Society in a heavy debt, it is deemed prudent to abandon it. A resolution was passed directing the property to be sold, and the descriptions refunded, which was done. A number of the gentlemen, however, generously presented the amount of their subscriptions to the Society, for investment as a permanent fund. The money received from this source was invested in the stock of the Merchants' Bank of this city, where it still remains. The dividends on it have been regularly received and distributed with the Charity Fund. A few small legacies have been bequeathed to the Society and these have been added to the permanent fund. The amounts disbursed by the Society, for charitable purposes, since the year 1785 (the commencement of the records in the possession of the Society), exceed in the aggregate the sum of \$72,000, and amount, for the past year to the sum of \$2,108 51. A similar Society was formed about fifty years ago, by some gentlemen from the Counties of Dumfries and Galloway. Their members and their charities were restricted to natives of those counties, and their descendants. The requisites for membership being thus circumscribed, their members gradually diminished, until but a few resilient members remained. That Society had accumulated a small capital, and the members, finding it out of their power to give this charity the requisite personal attention, decided, as the best means of perpetuating it, to transfer their capital, as a trust, to the St. Andrew's Society, to be by them administered as near as possible, in conformity with the rules of the original Association. Among the events of the past year, the Secretary has the painful duty to perform of recording the decease of two of the oldest members and officers, Mr. James Hadden, and William Homer Maxwell. Mr. Hadden joined the Society in 1810, and after filling the subordinate offices, was chosen President in 1832, continuing in the chair for three years, and filling it with great dignity, ability, and acceptance. After an interval of two years he was again called upon to preside, and continued to do so with unabated popularity for three years more, retiring, at last, with universal respect and attachment of his associates. To few of its members has the Society been more indebted than to the late Vice-President, Col. Macdowell. His interest in its prosperity was manifested in long-continued and zealous services, in its various offices, and lastly, for several years as Vice-President. To the meetings of this Society, which he regularly attended, and greatly enjoyed, he brought, and frequently expended his abundant stores of misanthropic humor, anecdote, and harmless wit, while his humanity and kind feeling were displayed in promoting the high purposes of the Association. That his affections were warm and steady, and his heart alive to every amiable sentiment, is manifest from the strong attachment he excited in those who were bound to him by the ties of near kindred and daily companionship. It is worthy of remembrance, that his father and grandfather were his predecessors in the office of Vice-President.

**THE CRISTAL PALACE.**—The Committee on Land and Places of the Board of Aldermen, Mr. Valentine Chairman, met at the Clerk's Office, City Hall, yesterday afternoon, for the purpose of listening to the arguments of counsel for and against the retention of the Crystal Palace, in its present location. Before the committee engaged on either side commenced summarily, Mr. John M. Baxby, a property holder, addressed the Committee in a few remarks as to the depreciation of property in the vicinity of Reservoir square, the Crystal Palace being the cause of hindering the improvement of property in the neighborhood. He protested against any action of the Committee, having for its object the retention of the edifice in its present location. He owned three quarters of an acre of ground on the avenue which he had loaned to Corporal Thompson for a stable and circus. Such use, he admitted, did not tend to improve the property about that locality, but it was the best he could do so long as the Palace remained. It only paid him two and a-half per cent.

Mr. John H. White next addressed the Committee. It was said he had no right to make application for the renewal of the lease, but he had a right to sell or lease as he thought proper. He (Mr. W.) not only appeared as the Receiver of the Crystal Palace, but as a private citizen, and in the former capacity he desired to do all in his power for the benefit of the creditors. He wanted permission to retain the Palace as now located for the present at least. In the course of his remarks he recapitulated the various objections that had been made by the remonstrants, none of which had been sustained by a shadow of testimony. The main remonstrants were three or four property-holders and their only desire seemed to be to have the little plot of ground upon which the Palace stands converted into a Park at the city's expense. The remonstrant contended that in purchasing property they had been told a Park would be laid out on that block. Mr. White showed that no such intention on the part of the corporation ever existed. The ground was first let out for a Potter's Field, but afterward a part was appropriated for the building of a reservoir, the remaining portion to be used for the extension of said reservoir, for such other purpose as the Corporation choose. It was never intended for a Park, and the map itself, made by the City Surveyor, and which they (the remonstrants) produced, was legal evidence against them. In concluding, he urged upon the Committee to report favorable to allowing the Palace to remain as at present, adding to public opinion in the matter, and setting forth that the edifice was a work of art and ought to be retained.

Mr. Peter Y. Cutler, on the part of the remonstrant then addressed the Committee at great length, reducing his argument to four points, viz: first, as to the architectural beauty of the edifice—that was a matter the Common Council had nothing to do with; second, popular opinion for or against does not afford a safe reliable guide; third, no person in existence had the right to ask for an extension of the lease or a grant of the property; fourth, the Common Council had no power to grant such extension of the lease as asked for.

Mr. Cutler having concluded, brief remarks were made by several other gentlemen interested in the matter, when the Committee adjourned.

**MISMANAGEMENT AT LAURA KEENE'S THEATRE.**—A gentleman, in order to secure a private box at the Theatre, paid for it at the Box-Office on the 26th inst. and received the receipt for it from the person who he paid on the morning of the 24th, the box being for the 25th. On arriving at the Theatre, before the rise of the curtain, with ladies, he found the box occupied by a party holding a receipt from the same office for the same box. Upon complaining at the Box-Office an explanation was offered, but his money was not returned him as satisfaction for having brought a party of ladies to a stall on a story night to a theatre in vain. On asking to see some responsible person of the establishment, the usher informed him that the officer who had thus intentionally sold the same box twice to two different parties, was the Treasurer of the Theatre and that there was no superior to him. Comment unnecessary.

**CONCERT EXTRAORDINAIRE—THALBERG AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**—Mr. Thalberg will perform before the pupils of the public schools at Niblo's Theatre on two occasions, the first next week. It is expected three thousand will be present before the Board of Education, and other civic dignitaries, as well as numerous clergymen. Mad. d'Angri likewise will sing. This will be a very good thing for the scholars who will make no less, and is a very amiable proof of the part of Mr. Thalberg and Mad. d'Angri.

**THE SYMBIOPHIST JAMESTOWNS.** of the Richmond at Norfolk Dock, was yesterday afternoon taken on the Baltimore Dock for repairs. She will be stripped, re-caulked and newly coppered. After completing repairs she will be taken to the Morgan Works, where she will lay up for the winter.

**TAKE CARE OF YOUR OVERCOAT.**—Yesterday, as gentleman, stopping at Loverjoy's, was writing in the reading-room of that Hotel, an air-bill thief stole his

overcoat, which was lying on the back of a chair at his side. The act was unfortunately not observed by any of those present, and the light-fingered individual made away with his booty. The coat was a new one, as will doubtless do good service to the pursuer in the approaching "cold time." A day or two since a gentleman had his shawl stolen in the same room.

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**THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.**—The Committee on the Fire Department of the Board of Aldermen met yesterday afternoon at the City Hall, and resolved to convene with the Commissioners as to the granting to several companies to the city new carriages. The matter of building a house for Engine Company No. 16, on the triangular piece of ground in West Broadway and Beach street, was discussed. Ald. Clancy was opposed to it, not deeming it a proper place for an engine-house. Mr. Voorhis rather favored the petition. No determination, however, was made of the subject.

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**RAILROAD ACCIDENT.**—The Albany Express train, leaving New-York at 6½ o'clock yesterday morning on the Harlem Railroad, ran off the track at Williamsbridge Station, through the breaking of the switch or target bar. The three last cars were thrown off. The train was running at the rate of fifteen miles an hour, the last car thrown off being about 30 feet from the switch. None of the persons on the train received any injury, and the cars received little or no damage.

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**HARLEM RAILROAD IMPROVEMENTS.**—A short time ago we gave a full description of an extensive machine-shop, which the Harlem Railroad Company contemplated erecting on a triangular piece of ground at the junction of the Harlem and Port Morris Branch Railroads. Owing to a prejudice which exists relative to the obtaining of a satisfactory title of the land in that locality, and to guard against any depreciation of the Company's stock by any supposed want of a perfect title, the site of the new machine-shop has been changed to Central Morrisania, where sufficient land opposite the depot building has been secured on favorable terms, and the work of erection commenced. In addition to the machine-shop, the Company, in order to accommodate the New-Haven Railroad Company with land for the site of a new depot at the corner of Fourth avenue and Twenty-seventh street, will, in a few days, commence the erection of a new spacious freight depot, fronting on the Fourth avenue, between Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth streets, to be built of brick with store facings, &c., on the completion of which the old freight-house and country market will be removed from its present location between Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh streets.

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**DR. PENNINGTON AND THE SIXTH AVENUE RAILROAD COMPANY.**—It will be remembered that some months ago the Rev. Dr. Pennington, of this city, was ejected from one of the cars of the Sixth Avenue Railroad Company, and subjected to a series of humiliating and insulting outrages by railroad conductor, driver, policeman, and Justice Connolly at the Tomb; consequent upon which Dr. Pennington commenced a suit against the said Railroad Company, which, for reasons best known to the parties interested, has been pending ever since.

It seems (so we have been informed) that Mr. T. Bailey Myers, Secretary of the Sixth Avenue Railroad Company, recently made an affidavit to the effect that Dr. Pennington had become a non-resident in this city since the institution of this suit. Dr. Pennington has also made an affidavit, declaring that he has never removed his residence from the city, that his family has lived in New-York, and that during his absence from the city his residence elsewhere has only been temporary; his residence in this city being No. 29 Sixth avenue.

The case is to come up for trial in the Superior Court next Wednesday, and no doubt will be an interesting one. Dr. Pennington has on his side a formidable array of counsel, including among others the Hon. Truman Smith, Ex-Recorder Talmadge and Mr. Phelps of Vermont.

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**ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.**—Julia Satters, a German girl eighteen years of age, attempted suicide on Thursday night at her residence, No. 86 Delancey street, by swallowing arsenic. She was conveyed to the Tenth Ward Police station, where the poison was removed with a stomach-pump, and she, it is thought, will recover.

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**SUICIDE BY HANGING.**—Coroner Hills held an inquest yesterday upon the body of an unknown man, about fifty years of age, who was found suspended by the neck, and dead, in a stable in One Hundred and Twentieth street, near the Harlem River. Deceased was about five feet eight inches in height, and was dressed like a laborer. The Jury rendered a verdict of "Suicide."

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**JUVENILE HOMICIDE—ARREST ON A BENCH WARRANT.**—Isodore Filip, a lad about 15 years of age, as charged by a Coroner's Jury some two months since, caused the death of another boy, named Max Alendorff, by stabbing him with a p-ket-knife. Isodore died immediately afterward; but having recently been indicted for one of the degrees of manslaughter, he was searched for yesterday, arrested on a bench warrant and taken before Justice Osborne, who held him to bail for his future appearance for trial at the Court of General Sessions.

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**FIRE ARMS.**—The public sale of the real Carrara marble statuary and alabaster will be continued to-day, at 1 o'clock, P.M., by H. H. Leeds & Co. This will be the last day on which the goods from the Crystal Palace will be offered.

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**CHARGE OF PERJURY.**—Charles A. Edwards, a shoemaker, was yesterday arrested by Officer Sweeney of the lower police court, charged with perjury, on complaint of Mr. M. Miller, doing business at the corner of Wall and Pearl-streets. It is alleged that the accused, on the first of September last, testified falsely before Judge Davis, of the Supreme Court, as to his qualification to become bail for George Robertson, an insolvent debtor. The accused gave bail in \$300 before Justice Osborne, to answer the charge.

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**DESPERATE CHARACTERS.**—On Thursday night two men, named Thomas Smith and Patrick Devine, were observed by John Gill of No. 214 Baxter street cruelly beating a man. Gill remonstrated with them, when they turned upon him and stabbed him in the arm and thigh. The desperadoes then fled, but were pursued and arrested by the Fourth Ward police, with large knife knives in their possession. They were locked up by Justice Osborne for trial. The man whom they were beating was also stabbed, but not dangerously.

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**ROW AT THE FLORENCE HOTEL.**—A difficulty occurred, late on Thursday night, at the Florence Hotel, corner of Broadway and Walker street, between Mitchell Duff, residing at No. 47 Moti street, and Mr. Myron Leffingwell, an actor. It is stated that Duff commenced the affray by attempting to strike Mr. L. with a gin bottle, when the latter knocked him over with the water picher, and cut a severe gash in his head. Duff yesterday made a complaint against Leffingwell, and the latter appeared before Justice Osborne, and was held to bail in \$300 to answer a charge of assault and battery.

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**A PRIVATE WATCHMAN SHOT BY A RIVER THIEF.**—James L. Berbad, a private watchman, while on duty on board the schooner Argus, lying at Pier No. 35, East River, on Thursday night, discovered a river thief secreted in the hold for the purpose of plundering the vessel. The watchman attempted to arrest him, when a struggle ensued, in which the thief snatched the watchman's pistol from his hand and shot the latter in the thigh. The rascal then fled and escaped. The watchman was attended by a physician at the Seventh Ward Police station, and afterward conveyed to his home, No. 66 Lewis-st.

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**CAMPBELL EXPOSURE.**—Mary Carrigan, a servant girl residing at No. 167 Saxon street, was dangerously

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